

WELCOME TO



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.

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Prelude: Voluntary

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering in the social hall

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (*Spoken 3 times*)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

Entrance into the final days

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

BLESSING OF PALMS

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other, Please lift your palms during the prayer.

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his
way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION:

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**PROCESSIONAL SONG: ACS 928 "Pave the Way
with Branches" verse 1 only** (*sing repeatedly until all
are in their places*)

Pave the Way with Branches

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with an asterisk. The second and fourth staves include first and second endings, indicated by bracketed numbers 1 and 2.

*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na, san - na,

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

The Presiding Minister concludes the procession.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Entrance Hymn: ELW 344 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16



Psalm 31:5

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⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my
throat ¹ and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years
with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and
my bones ¹ are consumed.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my
neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot. R**

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear
is ¹ all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot
to ¹ take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, "You ¹ are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from
those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love." R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 177 "Lenten Acclamation"

GOSPEL: Reading of the Passion Gospel

Readers are CJ Clarke, Byron Kirkpatrick, and Pastor Lynn Fonfara

During the reading of the Gospel, several songs will be sung.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

HYMN: ELW 616 "Jesus, Remember Me"

HYMN: ELW 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" Verse 1

HYMN: ELW 616 "Jesus, Remember Me"

HYMN: ELW 666 "What wondrous Love Is This"
Verse 2

HYMN: ELW 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" Verse 2

HYMN: ELW 616 "Jesus, Remember Me"

HYMN: ELW 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" Verse 3

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 343 "My song is love unknown", verses 1-4 only

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.**

PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Deuteronomy 16:17

All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

OFFERTORY: ELW 185 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: ELW page 144 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:

Amen.

...With this bread and cup

We remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P- Grace our table with your presence.

C- Come, Holy Spirit.

P- Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C- Come, Holy Spirit.

P- We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever

C- Amen

***The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW (page 146) "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).
The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.- alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The appropriate response is:

Amen.

During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.

Hymn: ELW 494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Choir: Hosanna to the Son

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand at the invitation to pray:

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our
communities, that your liberating love might nourish the
world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *please refer to the insert*

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 342 “There in God’s Garden”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Voluntary

*The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.*

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor:		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
Music Director:		Len Cremisio
Asst. Ministers:	9:30 a.m.	
Reader:		Don Ames
Crucifer:		Leone Goding
Assisting Minister:		Ellen Clement
Ushers:	9:30 a.m.	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
Altar Care:		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
Post Worship Sec.:	9:30 a.m.	Maureen Skurecki
Counters:		Jeanne Talts
Greeters:	9:30 a.m.	
Fellowship:		

Communion Wine: For April from Chuck & Joy Yonko in honor of their Children and Grandchildren

Altar Flowers: For April is given to the Glory of God

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